

In the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph of the specification beginning at page 11, line 1, as follows:

[[[Is]]] It should be noted that in Figure 2D, the number and thicknesses of first layers of the first side region 44 are substantially the same as the number and thicknesses of the second layers of the second side region ~~[[46]]~~ 62. However, the number of first layers in the first side region 44 can be greater or less than the number of second layers in the second side region ~~[[46]]~~ 62. For example, because the second side ~~surface 46~~ region 62 does not need to be adapted to store data, the second side region ~~[[46]]~~ 62 can be designed to not include the second magnetic layer 84. Therefore, one or more of the second layers of the second side region 62 shown in Figure 2D can be omitted, or substituted with a different material, with no detrimental effects to operation of the disk drive 10.

Please amend the paragraph of the specification beginning at page 13, line 17, as follows:

Figure 3A illustrates a perspective view of another embodiment of an asymmetrical storage disk 318A. In this embodiment, the second side region 362A ~~including~~ includes a plurality of spaced apart, substantially concentric, tubular shaped stiffeners 356A, each having a different ~~radii~~ radii. In this embodiment, the stiffeners 356A are centered about a rotational axis 394A of the storage disk 318A. Although Figure 3A illustrates that the second side region 362A includes five concentric stiffeners 356A, any number of concentric stiffeners 356A can be used.